



Teenage secondary school girls (ages 15-17) interested in technology are invited to apply for the  
**2016 TechGirls program!**

**Deadline to apply: February 21, 2016**

**Program Description:** TechGirls offers secondary school girls from the Middle East and North Africa the opportunity to engage in an intensive, month-long exchange program in **summer 2016** in the United States focused on promoting the high-level study of technology. Exchange activities include a technology camp with American peers, site visits with technology companies in Washington, D.C. and New York City, job shadowing, community service activities, and home hospitality arrangements with American families.

TechGirls return home with the knowledge, skills, new ideas and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their schools and communities through achievable action projects using technology. TechGirls will work on action plans in the United States and refine their plans upon return home.

This program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

**Students who may apply are those who:**

- 1) Are from one of the following eligible countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian territories, Tunisia, and Yemen;
- 2) Are between the ages of 15 and 17;
- 3) Have demonstrated advanced skills and a serious interest in technology, engineering, and/or math in their academic studies;
- 4) Intend to pursue higher education and/or careers in technology;
- 5) Have strong English language skills;
- 6) Exhibit maturity, flexibility, and open-mindedness;
- 7) Will attend at least one additional semester of secondary school upon their return to their home country
- 8) Are willing to complete a follow-on project upon their return home

**Instructions for completing this application:** Please fill out the application in English as completely as possible. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program.

*\*This Application is free of charge and may be duplicated\**

- 1) All sections of this application must be filled out accurately and completely. Missing information will delay or prevent consideration of your application.
- 2) All applications forms and references should be typed, if possible.
- 3) All sections requiring a signature must be signed.
- 4) IMPORTANT: Please submit application materials (application form and essays) as **one file**, either in PDF or MS Word. Please do not scan in individual pages and attach them as individual documents.

**Follow the TechGirls program:**

- facebook.com/StateDeptTechGirls
- twitter.com/TechGirls

***Inquiries and applications should be sent to [TunisExchanges@state.gov](mailto:TunisExchanges@state.gov)***

***Phone: 71 107 044***

# 2016 TechGirls Program

## Student Application

### About you:

Last (Family) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Nam: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence: \_\_\_\_\_

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### About your family:

Parent or guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from yours): \_\_\_\_\_

Father: Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers/Sisters:

Name	Gender	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**About your education:**

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Year you will graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you studied English? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

\_\_\_\_\_

**About your academic and community interests:**

Academic subjects you are most interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list in the space below any specific classes in which you have participated to date that relate to the field of technology.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any extracurricular activities in which you have participated that relate to technology, how long you have been involved with each, as well as any awards or honors received. Use additional space as needed.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any additional extracurricular/community activities (non-technology related) in which you have participated, and how long you have been involved with each.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Future studies and/or possible occupations you've considered: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Essay Questions**

Please provide responses to the following questions below.

- 1) What, or who, initially sparked your interest in the field of technology?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Why is participation in this program important to you and how will it benefit you both personally and academically? What type of skills do you hope to develop and improve during the TechGirls program?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) One of the requirements of the program is that you apply the skills you learn in creating a unique follow-on project upon your return home. Describe how you would use the tech skills you gain from this program to design a follow on project. How would it help your community?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What one or two words describe you best and why?

**More about you:**

Do you have a valid passport? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes: Issuing Country \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (day/month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes: Where, when, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURES**

**Applicant signature:**

I, the TechGirls applicant, certify that all information provided within this application is accurate and true

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or guardian signatures:**

I permit my daughter to apply for and, if selected, to participate in this program

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_